DASHED DOWN THE MOUNTAIN.

TRAIN AT ALTOONA.

Altoona Penn Dec 20 -- A freight train of thirty

this city to-night, became unmanageable in conse-

made the tweive miles from Gallitzin to Alfoona

in as many minutes, and crashed into a freight

train in the yard here, directly in front of the pas-senger station. About fifty cars were completely

wrecked, and the Hollidaysburg passenger train,

which was standing on the tracks outside the pas-

senger shed, was thrown over on its side. The en-

gineer and fireman of the runaway train were

helped from the cab of the wrecked locomotive

and both were able to walk away. Their escape

was almost miraculous. Three other trainmen

were taken to the hospital. One of them is said to

be farally injured. A brakeman named Corbin is

still unaccounted for, and is thought to be under

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN BALTIMORE.

A MATCH THROWN INTO COTTON WASTE CAUSES

A LOSS OF \$150,000.

Baltimore, Dec. 20.—The extensive establishment of Crook, Horner & Co., dealers in plumbers, machinists and millers' supplies, at Howard and

Saratoga sts., this city, was partially destroyed

stock and building. The fire was discovered in the

top floor of the seven-story building soon after 5

o'clock, and is supposed to have been started by

a match carelessiy thrown into a lot of cotton waste by an employe of the firm. By the time the

Fire Department reached the scene the flames had

the fifth. On the fourth floor were about three

hundred tons of heavy machinery, but the fire was

extinguished in time to save this and everything underneath it from destruction. On one of the burned floors were about \$50,000 worth of patterns which cannot be replaced. Besides this the firm lost about \$55,000 on stock, fully covered by insurance. The building, which belongs to the Rieman estate, was damaged to the extent of \$25,000, also covered by insurance.

CHICAGO'S PNEUMATIC MAIL SERVICE.

POSTMASTER GORDON RETURNS HIGHLY PLEASED

WITH THE RESULTS OBTAINED

IN NEW-YORK.

Chicago, Dec. 20 .- Pneumatic tubes for the mail

service of Chicago will be in operation between the

railroad stations and the general office before long. This is the word Postmaster Gordon brought with

him from Washington. After a month's absence in

the East, Mr. Gordon arrived in Chicago last even-

ing with Senator Mason, Congressman Foss and

Ferdinand W. Peck. In addition to the tubes, Mr.

Gordon will establish at once a special delivery ser-

vice, which he promises will be a great help to

Mr. Gordon investigated the pneumatic tubes in

Boston, New-York and Philadelphia. He was much

pleased with their operation. He is an advocate of

pleased with their operation. He is all as been de-the eight-inch tube, which, he says, has been de-monstrated to be a great success. Mr. Gordon is sure the correstone of the new postoffice building will be laid either July 4 or October 9. If the latter date is chosen, the famous Society of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston will attend, as well as President McKinley, Postmaster-General Gary and Secretary of the Treasury Gage.

TRADES-UNIONS AND THE MILITIA.

ACTION TO PREVENT UNION MEN FROM SHOOT-

ING DOWN FELLOW-MEMBERS

DURING STRIKES.

Chicago, Dec. 20 .- "The Times-Herald" says:

This was the unanimous decision reached by

"Trades-unionists are requested by the Chicago Federation of Labor to leave the National Guard at

the delegates at their regular weekly meeting. It

was said without contradiction that a union man could not consistently serve in the militia and incur the risk of being called out to shoot down his fel-

low-trades-unionists who were on a strike for the

amendment, by McPhce, was offered to have every

workingman enlist and learn how to handle a gun.

This was lost, and a less warlike substitute was

offered by Delegate V. B. Williams that a request

DR. DAY CHARGES BLACKMAIL.

A NEW AND SENSATIONAL PRATURE OF THE

CONTROVERSY OVER BISHOP PECK'S WIDOW.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 30. -In his signed statement

regarding Syracuse University and its care of the late Mrs. Persis W. Peck, widow of Bishop Jesse

T. Peck. Chancellor Day speaks of blackmail in

the following language:
"But the greatest outrage in the whole dark plot

of blackmait which was been threatening the Uni-

versity for months is that which charges this

saintly woman (Mrs. Peck) with having carried

her vindictiveness to the side of her grave by re-

questing that the Chancellor be forbidden to speak at her funeral. Her confidential friend, who was

at her bedside constantly during those last weeks, is horrlied at this statement, which she believes

Later, in speaking of the payments which, it has been asserted, should have been made annually to Mrs. Peck, the Chancellor says:

To have paid these moneys was to yield to blackmalling threats which have hung over my head for nearly three years."

MUST BE SAWED IN CANADA.

ONTARIO'S POLICY IN THE TIMBER DISPUTE EM-

BODIED IN A BILL.

Toronto, Dec. 20.-The Ontarto Government to-

day introduced a bill in the Legislature, which will

undoubtedly pass, as it embodies the policy of the

business men of this city.

spread to the sixth floor, and they finally reached

by fire to-day, entailing a loss of about \$150,000 t

quence of the slippery condition of the tracks.

one loaded cars, travelling down the mountain to

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WHEAT MARKET STRONG.

MR. LEITER PROUD OF HIS SON.

HE ARRIVES IN CHICAGO, AND IS PLEASED THAT THE YOUNG MAN HAS DEVELOPED

SO RAPIDLY.

Chicago, Dec. 20.-Interest in the big December wheat deal was greatly increased to-day by the arrival from Washington of Levi Z. Leiter, the millionaire ex-merchant of Chicago, and the sub-stantial admission by him that his millions were at his son's command in the struggle with other

'My son has plenty of money to pay for what he has purchased," said Mr. Leiter, senior, his wheat operations he has informed me fully I have been a merchant a great part of my life and am much pleased that my son has broadened out into a first-class merchant. Wheat is a firstclass commodity of universal use. The quality of wheat which he has purchased is of the highest, and I am sure will be in demand at a higher price than he has paid for it. I am well pleased

George B. French, of the Leiter clique, stated today that the bull combination will have about six million bushels of wheat to take care of. The tacties of Armour in rushing millions of bushels to the Chicago market, he said, have caused the Leiter following to change some of their plans

The impression that we are going out of the market as soon as we conclude this month's trading is hardly true," he continued. "We propose to remain in the field. I am not prepared to say that e will ship all our wheat abroad, but we will seil

There was another big increase in the amount of contract wheat in store here to-day, over 500,000 bushels being added to the stocks. Friday and Saturday nearly 2,500,000 bushels were delivered here, all of which was taken by the Leiter people. At least 3,000,000 bushels more are expected to arrive, and in the liquidation of this is expected to come the final test of strength for Letter. The 500,000 bushels delivered to-day had not the slightest weakening effect on December. The statement of concerning the Lefter crowd's intention to stay in the market received some confirmation, as there was good buying of May all day, credited to them.

THE BULLS HAD THE BEST OF IT.

The wheat bulls were on top to-day, the May advancing 1% cents and closing 1 cent over calls May sold at 92% cents and at 94% cents, and closed 344 cents. The best advance was in the May uture. January was up 1 cent, closing at \$512 ents: July, up % cent, closing at \$4 cents. The December was rather neglected. There was a rush of wheat in here, and the elevator interests had a good deal of December for sale. The shorts December sold at \$1 02 and at 99 cents, and closed at \$1. The Leiter party seemed to leave the December alone. They bought a lot of May. But there was a marked broadening out of the general speculation. It looked as if the trade was quadrupled. Shorts were in alarm. There was a rumor that the Leiter interests were negotiating for a freight contract for the shipment of 500,000 hushels of their wheat. This could not be confirmed, but the mere rumor was enough to disturb the man were steady, Liverpool up moderately, Paris off a shade. Clearances were very large, 718,00 bushels. The world's wheat shipments, 6,756,000 bushels, were 1,00,000 bushels under the week previous, and this world's movement finally showed up under the theoretical requirement. Receipts were large everywhere; this was not unexpected. There were 518 cars here, with 500 estimated for Tuesday.

The local stock showed an increase for the week of 1.455,000 bushels. It was figured that the contract stock had been increased here since Saturday by got less than 500,000 bushels. Receipts were large in the Northwest, 995 cars, against 563 hast year, at primary points there were 1,000,000 hushels, against There was a small decrease or passage, 240,000 bushels; the English visible decreased 648.00 busnels. The increase in the visible supply, \$21,000 bushels, was just about as anticipated. Outside markets were up about as much as this one. The pit feature was the broadening out of the trade, under the leadership of May buying by the Lefter party.

the curb "puts" on May wheat closed at 93%;

There was a sharp advance in wheat in Newsastion of the movement in Chicago. uce Evchange December wheat closed at \$100%, high price of the day, which was a gain of 214 tents from Saturday May wheat closed at 55% rents a gain of 1% cents from Saturday Expert sales were fifteen loads. Nothing is known in Naw York as to what Letter will do with the wheat It has been stated that Letter would ship his wheat to Europe by way of New-York. has not come so yet, as is shown by the easy conof the ocean freight market. Walter Moore, of Lunham & Moore, freight

brokers and forwarding agents in the Produce Exchange Building, said: "Steamers for January have not been in great demand. One thing that has held the freight market from going lower has the expected demand from Letter for room. So far there is no evidence that Leiter has been engaging berth room either from this or any of the out ports."

Moore quoted occan freights for wheat as Mr. Moore quoted ocean freights for wheat as follows: To Liverpool, \$\frac{1}{2}\$ pence per bushel; London, 4 pence; Glasgow, \$\frac{1}{2}\$ pence per bushel; London, 4 pence; Glasgow, \$\frac{1}{2}\$ pence per bushel; London, 4 pence per delayer by the Hamburg Mr. Moore made the rate 76 prennings per 190 pounds, to Rotterdam, 10 cents a bushel; to Marsellles, \$\frac{1}{2}\$ shillings \$\frac{1}{2}\$ pence per quarter, to Copenhagen, 4 shillings \$\frac{1}{2}\$ pence per quarter. Full cargoes to Cork for orders were quoted at \$\frac{1}{2}\$ shillings \$\frac{1}{2}\$ pence to \$\frac{2}{2}\$ shillings \$\frac{1}{2}\$ pence.

CIGARETTE-SMOKER KILLS HIMSELF.

HIS FINAL MESSAGE WAS A WARNING TO HIS "BROTHER DAN."

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 30.-Shortly after 1 p. m. today Peter S. McMahon, of No. 385 Washington-ave., Albany, crazed by cigarette-smoking, committed suicide in his room, at No. 517 East Washington-st. He was about twenty years old. He left a note giving his name, and also the following: Brother Dan: Please quit smoking for my sake; you don't know what I suffer. PETE. Cigarette-smoking is the cause of this. I have been crazy about a week. Goodby.

McMahon did not appear this morning, and this afternoon the sound of a shot was heard. A woman hurried to his room and found him as he had fallen against a dresser. He had stood in front of a mirror and pointed the revolver toward his heart. When he fired the bullet plerced that organ, killing him instantly.

NATIONAL GUARD REORGANIZATION.

FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE IN ALBANY

POLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON. Albany, Dec. 20.-The committee of National Guard officers appointed by Adjutant-General Tilinghast, at the request of Governor Black, to suggest a revision of the Military Code and a reorgani of the Guard met and organized at noon today. A two-hour session was held, and an adjournment was taken until December 28, when a meeting will be held in the 12th Regiment Armory. The committee will make no announcements until it submits its report to the Governor.

The members of the committee were entertained at luncheon at the Fort Orange Club. Governor Black and Major Banks, U. S. A., were also guests at the luncheon.

WOMAN SHOT BY STRIKERS.

VICLENCE IN COLONIE, N. T., CULMINATES IN A BRUTAL CRIME.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 20.-Since the strike began some time ago in the West Side Foundry, in the town of Colonie, a suburb of Watervillet, collisions b tween the strikers and the men who took their places have been frequent. At 6:45 o'clock this places have been frequent. At the octock this morning three strikers went to the house of Joseph Robler, one of the West Side's present force, and demanded that he come out. They attempted to break in the door, and shots were fired. Mrs. Robler was struck in the neck. Her recovery is

superb Christmas presents for \$6.00.

WEYLER'S OBJECT IN LIFE.

HE PROPOSES TO RESENT THE "INSULTS" OF PRESIDENT M KINLEY'S MESSAGE. Madrid, Dec. 20 .- The "Nacional" in its issue to-day gives prominence to a double-leaded editorial article under the caption of "Weyler," to the effect that the latter's principal mission in life at the present moment is to defend the army and his command in Cuba against the "insults" alleged to have been contained in President McKinley's recent Message to Congress and that he will energetically protest to the Minister for War (General Correa) and to the Queen Regent against these "insults," at the same time justifying the acts of the army.

A SPANISH FORT LONG BESIEGED. STRENUOUS RESISTANCE OF THE GARRISON-IN-

SURGENT LOSSES SAID TO BE LARGE. Havana, Dec. 20 .- A Spanish detachment at Guamo, on the Cauto River, north of Manzanillo, in the Frovince of Santiago de Cuba, was besieged, seconding to an official account, from November 8 to 12, and valiantly repelled the insurgenia. On November 27 a fierce attack was made on the fort by a large body of insu.g m's, with two carron. More than one hundred and fifty cannon shots penetrated the fort and destroyed a factory. Finally the insurgents got inside the wire fence around the fort and called on the garrison to surrender. The garrison refused to listen to the demand, and "with heroic pride continued the defence" until December 10 last.

The insurgents left twenty-six killed inside the wire fence and a quantity of arms and ammunition, which the garrison used to prolong its des-General Aldave, while reconnoltring in the neighborhood, found the bodies three other insurgents and many graves. During the slege and the attack on the fort the insurgents lost, it is officially asserted, two hundred killed and wounded. The garrison had only six killed and thirty-one wounded. The fort was completely de-stroyed, while the garrison was without water, with pestilence all around, and only a little pork General Blanco will recompense the

members of the garrison for their losses. General Pando has ordered the reconstruction of Fort Guamo. It is situated about half-way between the mouth of the River Causo and Cauto del Em-

General Pando and the column under Colonal Bruna, assisted by the gunboats Dependience, Luisa Centinala and Velazquez, found in the River Cauto three large torpedoes and also many small They destroyed with dynamite a quantity of the effects of the insurgents at Clenaga

del Buey and Cayeman. General Aldave, who left Caute del Embarcodero about the same time, had an engagement on De-cember 8 at Laguna de Ytabo, losing twenty killed, among them two captains, and ninety-five wounded, including a doctor and two officers. The insurgents were compelled to abundon their trenches and extensive zones in that district, General Aldave had one soldier scriously wounded and a captain slightly wounded.

THE SHOOTING OF RUIZ. NEWSPAPER COMMENTS IN HAVANA ON WHAT IS REGARDED AS A BARBAROUS ACT.

Havana. Dec. 20.-The local newspapers comment o-day on the death of Lieutenant-Colonel Ruiz their sorrowful utterances reflecting the sentiment of the general public. The "Diario de la Marina" recalls the fact that at the end of the Ten Years' War "the rebels resorted to the same proceedings a few days before the peace of Zanjon."

The "Lucha" says that the fate of Ruls was a misfortune due to haste."

The official statement as to the execution by the insurgents of Ruiz says that he was shot on Friday by order of the insurgent commander. Alejandro Rodriguez, with the approval of the insurgent Commander Aranguren. The general opinion is that it was a barbarous act.

THE AUTONOMY DECREES PUBLISHED. MASS-MEETING OF CONSERVATIVES-DR. ZER-TUCHA MADE MAYOR OF BEJUCAL

Havana, Dec. 20 .- The "Official Gazette" has at last published the autonomy decrees. A largely attended mass-meeting of Conservatives, with ielegates from various parts of the island, was held this evening, convened by a circular issued by the Marquis de Pezteguia, leader of the Spanish Conservative party. The circular said the Conserva-tives expect and demand only justice of the Gov-

Yesterday at Rog'a (a suburb of Havana on the te side of the bay) there was a sensational bull-light, in which girl bull-lighters from Spain entered the ring and killed the bulls like regular professionals. They were greatly applauded. Dr. Zertucha, who was the physician of the late General Antonio Macco, has been appointed Mayor of Bejucal this province.

Zertucha has belonged in his day to all the political parties in Cubs. At one time he was a bandit in the Vuesta Abajo, and his record was discreditable. It was quite inexplicable to the friends of General Maceo that he kept the physician on his staff for so long a period, notwith standing the warnings given him. Maceo used to say that Zertucha's fault was his drinking habit. At the time the fanous Cuban commander was killed Zertucha was charged with leading him and his party into the faial ambush, but he issued a long statement in which he tried to show that Maceo mot his death in battle in the usual way. Zertucha also biterly assuided the honor of the other Cuban leaders. After the killing of Maceo the dishonored physician was allowed too free by the Spaniards, and it was said, and generally believed, that his pockets were well lined with Spanish gold.

OPPOSED TO AUTONOMY.

There were received in this city yesterday, through the usual mail sources, copies of the statement signed by the officers of the Fourth Army Corps of the Cuban Army of Liberation, operating in the Department of Las Villas, in which the signers repeat their oath of allegiance to the Cuban cause and forswear autonomy. All of the other departments have already taken similer action, and the action of the Las Villas department officers makes the opposition to autonomy in the Cuban army unanimous.

FUNERAL OF ALPHONSE DAUDET.

M. ZOLA DELIVERS AN ORATION AT THE GRAVE -A STREET TO BE NAMED FOR DAUDET.

Paris, Dec. 20.-The funeral of Alphonse Daudet, the French author, who died suddenly on Thurs-day evening last, took place to-day, and was largely attended. The coffin was followed by Daudet's sons, Leon and Lucien; his brother, Ernest; M. Hanotaux, the Minister for Foreign Affairs; M. Rambaud, the Minister of Public Instruction; M. Roujon, the Director of Fine Arts; deputations from the Municipality, the French Institute, and the societies of Authors, Composers and Journal-lets, in addition to an immense crowd of people. Endie Zola, the novelist, delivered the funeral

ille Zola, the novelist, denvered to the late tion at the grave.

1. Zola was hooted while en route to the late idence of M. Daudet and to the church where a services were held, owing to his support of a efforts made by the friends of Albert Dreys to bring about a reopening of the Dreyfus case.

The municipal authorities of Paris have decided to name a street after M. Daudet.

HEAVY SNOWS IN NERRASKA

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 20.-Another heavy snowstorm is in progress in this State. During the last ten hours a great quantity of snow has failen, which, added to the fifteen inches already on the surface. makes it one of the heaviest in the State's hismakes it one of the heaviest in the States his-tory. Out in the State the snow is from two feet to thirry inches in depth. Stock on the ranges is reported in splendid condition. The grain men declare that the heavy covering of snow has saved the wheat from damage from the severe

BITTER COLD IN ONTARIO.

Toronto, Dec. 20 .- From all parts of this province come reports of severe weather. At White River the thermometer registered 20 degrees below zero, and at Matta it was 15. Here it went to 4 below.

SLEET DELAYS RAILROAD TRAFFIC. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 20 (Special).-A heavy fall of sleet has greatly impaired the rallroad service in this section of the country. The telegraph wires on the St. Louis Division of the Big Four were not in working order until noon to-day. The passenger trains were late, and the railroad offi-cials expect many accidents unless the ice leaves

Manhattan, Waldorf-Astoria, Holland, Delmoni co's, Murray Hill and G. Faccini, 716 7th-ave. have Ballantine's Pale Ale. Bottled at Brewery. Also Erown Stout and Burton Ale.—Advt.

BEHRING SEA DAMAGE CLAIMS.

AGREEMENT REACHED BY COMMISSIONERS IN

ALL BUT A FEW CASES. Boston, Dec. 20 (Special) .- After a week of conferences in Boston, Justices Putnam and King, the Commissioners for the United States and Canada, respectively, in the arbitration of the Behring Sea claims, have completed their work for the present, and, it is understood, will soon begin the prepara tion of their reports to their Governments. proposed to settle for \$425,000, have now aggregated more than \$80,000, with interest for ten years.
While some of the claims will be disallowed, the total is likely to be nearly, if not quite, \$1,000,000, in case the interest asked is allowed by the Com-

It is not possible to state at this time what will be necessary to refer any of the claims to the appointed by the President of Switzerland, in case such an appointment is found necessary; but it may be stated, in a general way, that the conferences of the two Commissioners have been most satisfactory character. In one respect the present arbitration has been

without a parallel. This is the first international arbitration where the proofs have been taken orally as in a court of justice. This method of procedure has been found a most satisfactory one. It is un-derstood that an agreement as to the amount of the indemnity has been reached in all but a few cases, and these are likely to be settled without the appointment of the umpire provided for in the concention. The amount awarded to Great Britain will be paid within six morths of the time when the final decision is reached, whether it is made by the two Commissioners or by an umpire.

FOR THE REPUBLICAN CLUB'S PRESIDENT.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW THE UNANIMOUS CHOIC OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Nominating Committee of the Republican the club as the committee's unanimous choice for it next president, at a meeting of the club last night. A complete ticket was named, and as all element in the club are represented in the list, it is likely at the annual election. This was the ticket agreed on by the Nominating Committee: For president, Chauncey M. Depew, first vice-president, Charles F. vice-president, W. L. Findlay; recording secretary, A. V. Campbell; corresponding secretary, Henry Birrell; treasurer, J. Edgar Leaycraft.

SALVATION ARMY TEMPLE FOR TROY.

IT IS THE GIFT OF W. H. ROWE AND HIS SON AND THEIR WIVES

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 20.-The dedication of the Rowe Memorial Salvation Army Temple took place at Music Hall, in this city, this evening. The building cost \$25,000 and is the gift of W. H. Rowe, president cost 150.00 and is the git of the troy Wayside Knitting Company, his wife, and Colonel and Mrs. W. H. Rowe, ir. The senior Mr. Rows is the head of the firm of W. H. Rowe & Co., New-York City, where he spends most of his time. Not long ago the Lucy Rows Memorial Building was erected for the Humane Society in this city through the liberality of the Rowes, at a cost of \$30.000.

At the dedication to-night the principal speakers were Commander Booth-Tucker, Consu. Booth-Tucker, Colonel W. H. Rowe, Jr., the Rev. Dr. J. H. Coleman, of Albany, the Rev. Dr. J. E. King, of Fort Edward, and the Rev. I. D. Van Valkenburgh and the Rev. T. A. Griffin, of this city.

CONFERENCE AT FALL RIVER.

MILLHANDS PREFER CURTAILED TIME TO RE-DUCCED WAGES

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 20 .- A conference of labor leaders and manufacturers was held this afternoon in the rooms of the Manufacturers' Associa-tion. The representatives of the labor unions submitted three propositions with regard to the pro-posed reduction of wages, and the manufacturers decided to take them under consideration, and w give a written answer to-morrow afternoon. These propositions were formulated at the meeting of the representatives of the labor unions last week, and

are as follows:

First-I' being the general opinion that there will be an improvement during the ensuing year, and that manufacturing will be in a far more prosperous condition than at present, we request our manufacturers to posipone the present reduction until March 1. If there is no improvement at that time we will hold another conference, with a view of settling the wage question.

Recond—Belleving that reducing wages is not a remedy for an overstocked market we respectfully request our manufacturers to work four days per week until March 1. If there is no improvement at that time, we will hold another conference. week until March ! If there is no improvem at that time we will hold another conference. Third-If et her of the above propositions is factorily, we are willing to submit our case to State Board of Arbitration, wages to remain a present until the State Board makes its report.

MORE REDUCTIONS IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE. Suncook, N. H., Dec. 20 - Notices have been the China, Pembroke and Webster col ton mills announcing a reduction in wages of abou 10 per cent on January 1. The cutdown will affect the sup-contendents and overscers, and in fact all the employes of the three corporations, including nearly fifteen hundred operatives. The monthly payroll amounts to about \$27,000. The three mills are engaged in the menufacture of print The employee are not well organized and judging by the present outlook, the cut will be accepted. cent reduction in wages on January 1 have been cent reduction in warrs on amounty I have been posted in the Amory, Stark and Jefferson cotton mills, in this city. The Amoskeag mills, employing nine thousand hands posted similar notices has week. The Amory Stark and Jefferson mills em-ploy eleven thousand operatives.

HALF A MILLION IN GOLD COMING. THE STEAMSHIP ALAMEDA ON HER WAY FROM

STINEY TO RAN PRANCISCO WITH 103,000 SOVEREIGNS

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 20.-The Oceanic Steam ship Company's Alameda, Captain Van Ottendorf, sailed to-day via Auckland for San Francisco. She carries 100,000 sovereigns.

CHAPLEAU WILL RESIGN.

A MOVE THAT MAY RELIEVE THE TENSION IN QUEBEC POLITICS.

Montreal, Dec. 20 .- "The Star" announces au Chapleau will resign shortly and make an extend Chapleau will resign shortly and make an extended ed trip in Europe. It is understood that this trip will be on behalf of the Government and in con-nection with the Paris Exposition. The present political crists is said to be due to the retention of Sir Adolphe in office.

LAWMAKERS TAKEN FOR CONVICTS.

A COMMITTEE OF THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE HAS A STRANGE ADVENTURE

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 20 (Special).-T. Foster McFarland, a member of the Georgia Senate, who lives just across the Tennessee line, has returned from a tour of inspection of the convicts' camps of Georgia. Mr. McFarland was chairman of a sub committee appointed to investigate the condition of the force at Okefenokee Swamp engaged in cutting The members of the committee had a novel and exciting experience, being locked up on night. They decided to spend one day hunting and fishing. Toward nightfull on Saturday they wanted to cross a creek. They had no boats, and took of their cothes to wade the stream. The day was cool and they donned some regular convict clothes which they had. Arriving on the other side, they ran, shivering to some farmhouses near by, in full natives, thinking they were harboring a crowd of escaped convicts, summoned their neighbors and guarded the committee of Georgia statesmen all night. On Sunday morning some friends arrived and identified them, after which the guard released them. convict apparel, to change their clothes. The

TRIED FOR MURDER AT SEA. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20 .- The trial of John Anderson, cook of the schooner Olive Pecker, for the mur-

der of W.Liam Walare Saunders, inste of the ves-sel, on the high seas in August, was begun in the Federal Court to-day. Anderson is also under indictment for the murder of Captain Whitman and burning the schooner, but the prosecution elected to bring the first trial for the murder of the mate. Rapid progress was made to-day, and it is probable that the case will be finished to-morrow.

MAY SEIZE CHINESE PORTS.

A BAD WRECK CAUSED BY A RUNAWAY FREIGHT DESIGNS OF THE POWERS IN THE FAR EAST.

MOVEMENTS OF THE BRITISH EASTERN SQUAD-RON-WHAT WILL ENGLAND GET?-THE DAPHNE'S VISIT TO PORT ARTHUR-

RUSSIA'S POSITION. London, Dec. 20.-The officials of the Chinese Embassy here do not conceal their belief that the Powers are intending to seize Chinese ports, and they discredit the report that Great Britain has been requested to assume a protectorate over the Yang Tse Valley and the West River, saying that they have no information on the subject, but would know if the rumor was well founded. Sir Halliday Macartney, the English Secretary of the Chinese Embassy, was asked to-day if Russia's possession of Port Arthur would be

temporary. He replied that this plea was usually made a pretext for occupation. An unconfirmed report is current here that part of the British Far Eastern Squadron will be stationed at Wei-Hai-Wei this winter. If true, this indicates that Great Britain is working with Japan. The latter still occupies Wei-

Hai-Wel, pending payment of the Chinese war indemnity. The evening newspapers are much disturbed over the situation. "What do we get?" is the burden of their complaint, and they all insist on the necessity for immediate action. "The Globe" says: "Russia and Germany now have the two most important strategical positions in Northern China, and Great Britain, whose commercial interests there are ten times greater, must be content with the crumbs from the St.

Petersburg and Berlin tables." "The Pall Mall Gazette" echoes "The Standard's" inquiry as to America's attitude, and remarks: "Of course, the partition of the coast, which is bound to come, will not be confined to Russia and Germany. Every naval State in the world is actively concerned in the disturbance of the equilibrium in the far East, Great Britain, France and Japan especially. But the United States cannot be treated as a quantity to be ignored. Tame acquiescence with these seizures is not worthy of our past, and is fatal to our future. We may remark that we shall not be without sympathizers, as the Japanese will most joyfully back any scheme to redress the bitter humiliation they have suffered at the hands of Russia."

Advices received here from Paris show France is awaiting Great Britain's action. If Great Britain follows the lead of Russia and Germany and occupies a seaport. France will forthwith do the same

Berlin, Dec. 20.-The Paris correspondent of the "Cologne Gazette," telegraphs his paper that he learns on good authority that the Russian occupation of Port Arthur was connected with the visit there of the British warship Daphne a the visit there of the British was all week ago, when, in spite of the protests of the Chinese, the Daphne entered the inner harbor, presumably to ascertain whether there were Russian ships there. China complained of the incident to the representatives of the Powers

at Peking
The British Far Eastern Squadron is said to
the at Talletmoan, and, according to the correspondent mentioned, is shortly expected at Port Arthur.
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St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.-The "Novostl" declares that the occupation of Port Arthur has nothing political behind it, and says: "It must be a matter of indifference to the Powers who are not planning seizures of Chinese territory as to which peint the Russian squadron chooses for its winter station."

London, Dec. 21. The newspapers are busily discussing the "partition of China." "The Dally Mail" has a dispatch from Shanghai denying that Russia has selzed Port Arthur, but this probably only means that the Russians

this probably only means that the Russians have not yet actually landed.

The reports concerning the Daphne and the British fleet wintering at Wei-Hai-Wei are officially denied, but it is alleged, with some show of authority, that the Government knew of Russia's occupation of Port Arthur last Friday, and that the Cabinet sat three hours discussing the

Yokohama, Dec. 21.-Russia has notified to Japan the temperary occupation of Port Arthur. A large Japanese squadron has left Nagasakt.

PRINCE HENRY SLEEPS AT OSBORNE. THE GERMAN FLEET GOING TO CHINA DIRECT AND NOT TO HAWAH AND SAMOA.

Osborne, Isle of Wight, Dec. 20.-Prince Henry of Prussia slept at Osborne, after visiting the Queen, and returned on board the German cruiser Deutschland at 10:00 o'clock this morning. If the weather permits coaling the Prince will resume his journey to China to-morrow morning. The customary salutes were exchanged this morning.

Washington, Dec 20.—The reports that the Cerand Hawaii, thus creating a menacing situation for the United States, are ridiculed in all official quar-When the rumors were called to the at tention of the German representatives they laughed heartily at the idea of a German diversion against Samoa or Hawait. Nothing of this kind has ever been considered.

Nothing of this kind has ever been considered. The German fleet will go to China via the Suez Canal, and its destination is Kiao-Chau Bay, Germany, the United States and Great Britain are parties to a tripartite arrangement for the government of Samoa, and, although the plan has not proved satisfactory, there has been no recent friction, and at no time a condition which would calfor a naval demonstration. Germany has taken no interest in the annexation of Hawaii to the United Sates, and her only interests there are those of the fourteen hundred German citizens who form a considerable part of the wealthy sugar-planting community. mmunity.

HIGHER DUTIES ON PORK AND LARD.

THE FRENCH CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PASSES THE BILL BY A LARGE MAJORITY.

Paris. Dec. 20 .- The debate on the bill increasing he customs duties on hogs and hog products was opened in the Chamber of Deputies to-day by Charles Gruet, Republican, representing the Secand District of Bordeaux, who opposed the meas ure, saying that he did not think it would fulfil the expectations of the agriculturists, and would cost the consumers 60,000,000 francs annually. Georges Graux, Republican, representing the district of Saint Pol, supported the bill. He said that in three years France had imported hogs and pork products valued at 120,000,000 francs, while her exports did not exceed 25,000,000 francs

Jean Jaures, one of the leaders of the Worken's party, representing the Second District Albi, expressed the opinion that the bill would only help the manufacturers of pork products. and that it would be imprudent to jeopardize the negotiations with the United States on the subct of wools and sliks by making illusory changes

The Premier, M. Méline, said that the bill was intended to remedy the decline in the price of pork, which, he pointed out, was doing considerable harm to French agriculture. He further remarked that the Government was preparing an other bill, dealing with the adulteration of pork products. This statement was received with ap-

In the course of his remarks M. Méline declared that the Government was at one with the United States on the question of bimetallism.

The bill was eventually adopted by a vota of 418 to 37. It fixes the duty on hogs at 12 francs, on sucking pigs at 3 francs, on hog products at 50 francs, and on lard at 35 francs per hundred

NOT TO ADOPT THE THIRD-RAIL SYSTEM.

Samuel Sloan, president of the Delaware, Lacka-

Opposition, making regulations regarding the cutting of timber on crown lands. The following is the governing clause:

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Every Resense or permit to cut pine timber reserved to the crown on lands located, sold, granted, patented or leased by the crown, which shall be issued on or after April 30, 1898, shall contain and be subject to the condition that all pine which may be cut into logs or otherwise under the authority or permission of such license or permit shall be manufactured into sawn lumber in Canada.

A COUNTY TREASURER ASKED TO RESIGN.

EXPERTS FIND A SHORTAGE OF \$28,000 IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

Amsterdam, N. Y., Dec. 20.-The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors to-day adopted a resolution requesting County Treasurer William Clark to resign within twenty-four hours. In case of his refusal to do so, it is said, charges will be preferred against him before Governor Black. The expert accountints who are examining the books of the County Treasurer have found a shortage of 22,000. Their labors are not yet completed.

SUIT BEGUN AGAINST BARTLEY. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 20. -The State of Nebraska, by the Attorney-General, filed civil suft to-day against ex-Treasurer Bartley and his bondsmen for \$335, ex-treasurer parties and he condsmen for \$335, 600. This is the amount which Bartley is charged with embezzling from the public school fund dur-ing his first two years in office, and is one of a number of similar suits.

TRUST COMPANIES IN SUPREME COURT. St. Louis, Dec. 20.-There was a sudden cessation of hostilities this morning in the brought by Attorney-General Crow to vacate the charters of four local trust companies, on the ground that they are doing a banking business, and an instant appeal was made to the Supreme Court by the attorneys of the companies to determine the power of the special commissioner appointed by the Court to hear the testimony.

Witnesses were present from New-York and Boston who will give testimony to-morrow morning before the Supreme Court.

Holiday week suppers will be all the more enjoy-able if Ballantine's India Pale Ale is served. At Park & Tilford, Acker, Merrall & Condit, or Robt. Gray, 433 9th-ave.—Advt. wanna and Western Railroad, said yesterday that there was no truth 'n a report that the company was to adopt the third-rail electric system for its

PRICE THREE CENTS.

TO ENJOIN THE DELEGATES

JUSTICE SMYTH GRANTS L. H. JEROME'S

APPLICATION.

AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE MEN CHOSEN IN AN ELECTION DISTRICT IN THE

XXXIST SHOULD NOT BE RESTRAINED FROM TAKING PART IN THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

CONVENTION.

Justice Smyth in the Supreme Court yesterday granted an application made by Lovell H. Jerome for the delegates elected at the Republican primary in the Thirty-first Election District of the XXXIst Assembly District on the evening of December 14 to show cause why they should not be restrained from representing the district in the Assembly District Convention this evening. The application for the writ was made on account of the protest against the primary by Mr. Jerome, which was disregarded both by the officers of the election district association and by the Republica. County Committee on

Organization. A portion of the order of the

Justice is as follows:

Ordered, that the defendants, Samuel S. Hotch-kiss, Charles H. Powers, John A. Murphy, Arthur H. West, Frank Moore and Joseph Loesdi, and each of them, show cause at a Special Term, Part I, of this Court, to be held at the County Courthouse in the City of New-York, on December 21, 1857, at 19:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why the said defendants and each of them should not be enjoined and restrained during the pendency of this action from representing or attempting to represent the election district association of the Republican party of the Thirty-first Election District of the XXXIst Assembly District in the City and County of New-York at the convention of the Republican party in and for the XXXIst Assembly District, appointed to be held on December 21, 1857, as delegates from the said Thirty-first Election District Association, or at any adjourned meeting thereof, and from in any way taking part in said convention or representing the said Thirty-first Election District Association as such delegates, and why the plaintiff should not have such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just.

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Robert J. Fox, his attorney, obtained the order to show cause, it is declared that the boundaries of the election district mentioned had not been changed from last year, and that while the Republican rolls of the district showed 136 enrolled members of the district association the highest Republican vote in the district at the last election was 125, or eleven less than the entire Republican enrolment. Article No. 38 of the constitution of the Republican County Committee is quoted in the affidavit to show that, under the constitution, if the Republican vote at a general election falls below the district enrolment the district association must be dissolved. It is declared that, in violation of the constitution of the County Committee, the defendants were elected at the primary to represent the district association as delegates to the Assembly District Convention, and that before the primary was held the plaintiff made a formal protest against the holding of the primary. A copy of the protest appears in the affidavit. It has already

been printed in The Tribune. The affidavit also declares that Mr. Jerome carried his protest to the Republican Committee on Organization, but . at the committee refused to take any action on the protest, a copy of which appears in the document. It is further declared that in spite of the protest the delegates elected at the primary Intend to attend the convention of the XXXIst Assembly District, at which delegates to the Republican County Committee are to be elected. If those delegates are allowed to take part in the election of delegares to the County Committee, the affidavit de-clares, the plaintiff will be injured and he and other Republicans will be subjected to a County Committee elected contrary to law and heir "Delegate P. J. Hassett offered a motion to compel | rights as members of the Republican party will

trades-unionists to leave the National Guard. An be violated and infringed. In reciting his attempts to have his protest considered by the officials of the Republican County Committee, Mr. Jerome declares that on offered by Delegate V. B. Williams that a request be made to all union men now in the militia to get out of the service.

"A second motion was offered by Delegate Willtams, and passed, diging all union men who are not members of the militia to refrain from enlisting.

"General Miles's suggestion of guns for the postoffice was denounced and cited as a shadow of coming events. The toesin was sounded that capital was organizing and that labor should be prepared." December 17 he handed a copy of the protest to the chairman of the Committee on Organization, who said he would refer the protest to Lemuel E. Quigg, the president of the County Committee. Mr. Jerome's statement continues

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I then on the same day, called upon the President of the said County Committee and requested of him that immediate action be taken upon the protest, notifying him of the importance of preventing the attendance of these delegates at the convention of the NXXIst Assembly District, and was informed by him that no action would be taken upon the matter, and, as I am informed and verily believe, no action upon the said protest has been taken by the said County Committee or by either the Committee on Organization or the Committee on Appeals. On December 18, 1897, I went parsonally before the Committee on Organization with said protest and they refused to consider the same. On December 17, 1897, Lemuel E. Quigg, president of the County Committee, informed me that the County Committee would take no action on my protest, and that neither the Committee on Organization nor the Committee on Appeals would take action thereon.

THE REVOLT IN THE XXXIIID. MANY SIGNS THAT REPUBLICANS THERE ARE THOROUGHLY DISGUSTED WITH

MACHINE METHODS. According to the figures given out by the leaders of the revolt in the XXXIIId Assembly District aganist President Quigg of the County Committee and Frank Raymond, the district leader, 1,500 Republican voters have already been enrolled in this movement, and the indications are that they will go over in a body to the organization that is arranging a new enrolment in the city. The fight in this district was originally made on Raymond, but it soon developed into a bitter antagonism to Quigg and his methods. The result was that an appeal was sent to the voters before the primaries setting forth the facts of the situation and asking all Republicans to remain away from the primaries The result was that not over two hundred votes were cast in the entire district at Mr. Quigg's personal primaries. A meeting will be arranged at an early date at which definite action will be

taken in favor of the new movement.

As an illustration of how meagrely the recent orimaries were attended the Republicans of the XXXIIId District are pointing to the records of two election districts of which they were able to obtain the results. One of these districts-the First, of the XXXIIId-was, according to the last enrolment, entitled to four delegates to the Assembly Distric Convention. In this district there was a total of four votes cast at the primaries. In the Fifteenth Election District there were thirteen votes cast. This district is, under Mr. Quigg's decision, entitled to six delegates in the district convention. In addition to the delegates in this district there were seven election district officers elected, making a total of thirteen offices filled with thirteen votes. In the Seventh Election District a well-known young Republican, who was not in sympathy with the Quigg-Raymond combination, was accidentally placed on the list of candidates for delegates to the district convention. Although he had been prominent in the district work and stood by the party ticket in November, he found when he went to vote that his name had been crased from the roll. Inquiry revealed that his name had been stricken from the rolls "by order of the people downtown."
These incidents and many others are forcing the Republicans of the district to make an open fight on the machine, and, as the district is naturally Republican, if the members of the party have fair treatment it will make its influence felt in, overthrowing the present combination.

INDORSED IN THE XXVIITH DISTRICT. AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING DECLARES IN PAVOS

OF A NEW REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION. Much enthusiasm prevailed at the annual meeting of the XXVIIth Assembly District Republican Club in its headquarters, No. 769 Sixth-ave., last night, and resolutions were unanimously passed indorsing the movement for the formation of new Republican organization in the city and county of New-York. The members of the club express themselves as heartily in favor of what had already been accomplished in that direction, and promised their individual and united support to